Thursday, December 6, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 43

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with GEO-SOLUTIONS, Austin, TX, for erosion control materials in an amount not to exceed \$272,955, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$90,985 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$545,910.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$75,820 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Funding for the remaining 26 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Mario Guerrero, Sr. Buyer 974.2596

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid meeting specifications of three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide for the supply of erosion control materials for the Watershed Protection & Development Review Department on an as needed basis for use in bio-technical slope stabilization and channel erosion control designs.

The erosion control materials are comprised of various products (i.e. turf reinforcement mats, slope reinforcement geogrids, flexible channel liners, etc.). These materials are necessary for erosion control on engineering designed stream bank stabilization projects and for emergency situations where public and/or private property damage caused by heavy rains and flooding would result without the timely placement of these erosion control materials.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 0/1 MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty six notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no MBEs listed for this commodity. Three bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 1% increase to the last contract award in August 2003.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid meeting specifications received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Watershed Protection and Development Review's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.